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Programme planning

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee, as well as to all the other Main Committees and the plenary of the Assembly to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 2nd and 5th meetings, on 5 and 13 October 2017. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-seventh session (A/72/16);

(b) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives (A/72/72);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (article VII and annex) (A/72/73/Rev.1).

[1] A/C.5/72/SR.2 and A/C.5/72/SR.5.

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.3

4. At its 5th meeting, on 13 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Programme planning" (A/C.5/72/L.3), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Saudi Arabia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/72/L.3 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/282 of 20 December 2002, 58/268 and 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 59/275 of 23 December 2004, 60/257 of 8 May 2006, 61/235 of 22 December 2006, 62/224 of 22 December 2007, 63/247 of 24 December 2008, 64/229 of 22 December 2009, 65/244 of 24 December 2010, 66/8 of 11 November 2011, 67/236 of 24 December 2012, 68/20 of 4 December 2013, 69/17 of 18 November 2014, 70/8 of 13 November 2015 and 71/6 of 27 October 2016,

Recalling also the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as outlined in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fifty-seventh session,[1]

Having also considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on strengthening the role of evaluation and the application of evaluation findings on programme design, delivery and policy directives[2] and the report of the Secretary-General on the proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (article VII and annex),[3]

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;

2. *Re-emphasizes* the role of the plenary and the Main Committees of the General Assembly in reviewing and taking action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work, in accordance with regulation 4.10 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation;[4]

3. *Stresses* that setting the priorities of the United Nations is the prerogative of the Member States, as reflected in legislative mandates;

4. *Also stresses* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

5. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on proposed revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/72/16).
[2] A/72/72.
[3] A/72/73/Rev.1.
[4] ST/SGB/2016/6.

Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (article VII and annex),[5] on evaluation,[6] on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2016[7] and on the United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development.[8]

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[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/72/16), relevant part of chap. II.A.
[6] Ibid., chap. II.B.
[7] Ibid., chap. III.A.
[8] Ibid., chap. III.B.